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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB FIFTH KOREA DEVELOPMENT BANK PROJECT

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1. BY ITS NATURE, LOAN FOR RELENDING IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE IN TERMS OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS BEFORE ACTUAL LOANS CAN BECOME KNOWN. THEREFORE, EMBASSY CONCLUDES THAT FAVORABLE JUDGEMENT SHOULD BE BASED ON THE PROBABLE CREATION OF 6,000 NEW JOBS THROUGH PROJECT. EMPLOYMENT, IN A COUNTRY WHERE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT REMAIN MAJOR PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES HAVE YET TO BECOME SIGNIFICANT, MEETS A VERY BASIC HUMAN NEED.

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2. WITH A FREE LIMIT OF \$1 MILLION AND A MAXIMUM SUBLENDING OF \$4 MILLION, MANY OF THE SUB-LOANS WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT INCREASED PLANT CAPITALIZATION, RESULTING IN A LARGER AMOUNT OF CAPITAL FOR EACH EMPLOYEE. THUS, EVEN IN THOSE CASES WHERE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REMAINS THE SAME, PRODUCTIVITY INCREASES FROM ADDITIONAL CAPITAL INPUTS, DEMONSTRABLY BENEFIT PRODUCTION RATED INDUSTRIAL WORKERS (THE LOWER END OF

THE JOB SPECTRUM) THROUGH INCREASED EARNINGS. IN SUM, THE LOAN ADDRESSES EITHER THE PROBLEM OF ENEMPLOYMENT OR UNDEREMPLOYMENT, BOTH AT THE POOR END OF THE EMPLOYMENT SPECTRUM.

3. HENCE, EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT PROJECT MEETS THE SPIRIT OF BHN CRITERIA A THROUGH N AND MERITS AN AFFIRMATIVE U.S. VOTE. SNEIDER

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